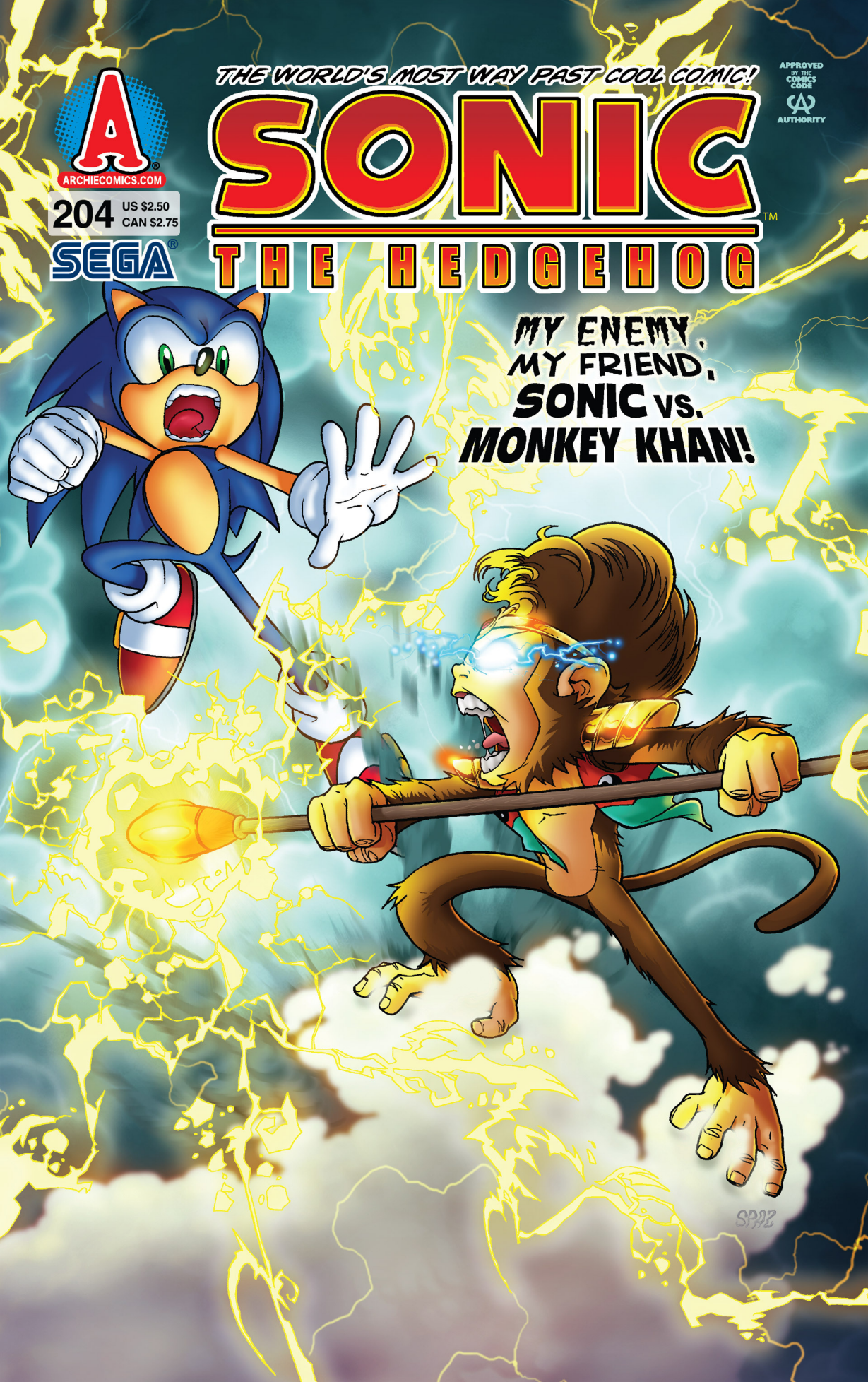
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PART TWO: IRON KHAN

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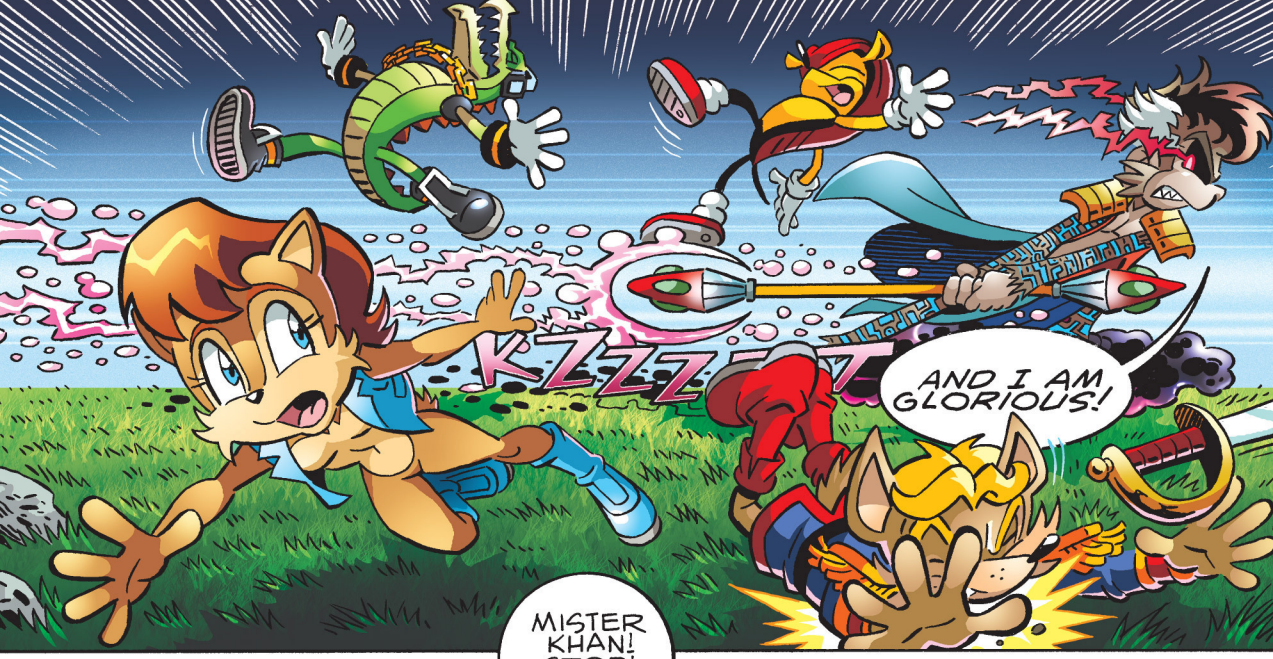
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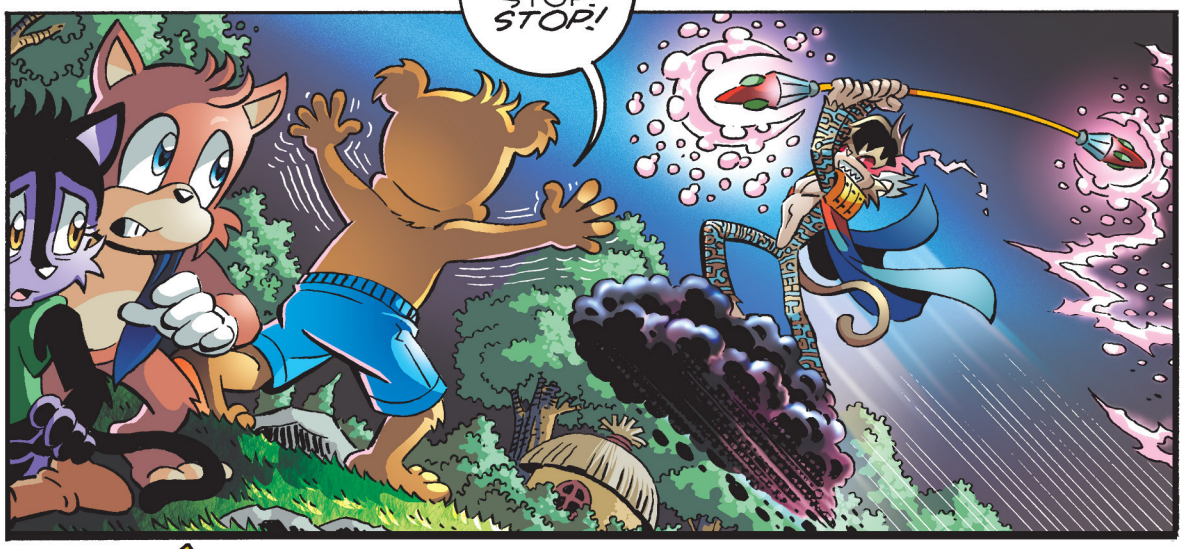
AND I AM GLORIOUS!


MISTER KHAN! STOP! STOP!

KRAKOOM!

WHY DOES IT FEEL LIKE ALL I'M DOING TODAY IS SNATCHING PEOPLE UP AND CARRYING THEM AROUND?
SONIC! IS BUNNIE ...?
RESTING AT FREEDOM HQ...
...SAFE AND SOUND.

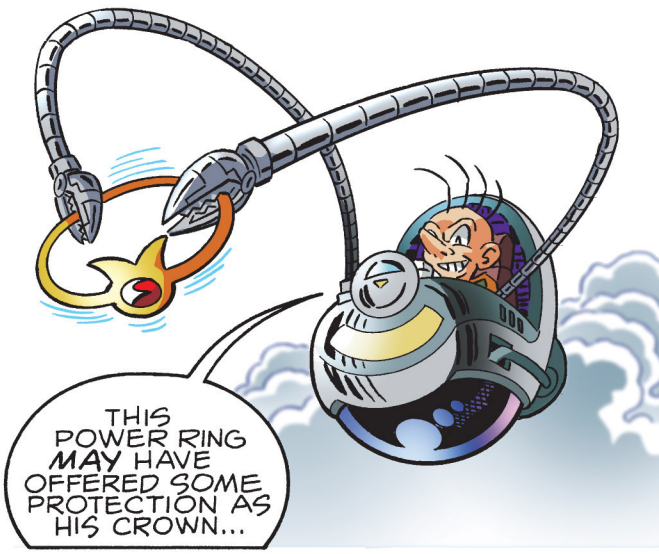
WERE YOU KIDS THROWING ROCKS AT KHAN AGAIN?
HE TURNED EVIL!
HE'S NOT EVIL!

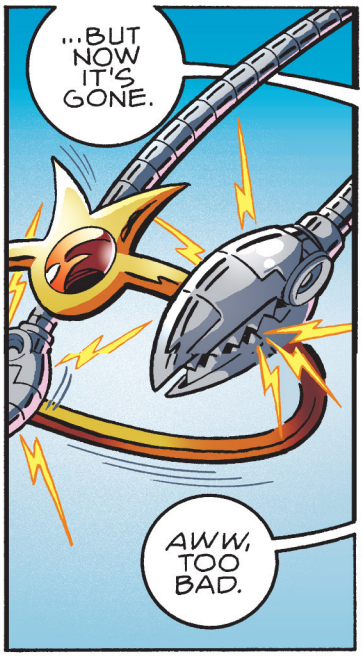
SNIVELY TOOK HIS POWER RING CROWN AND LEFT HIM PRONE. THE IRON QUEEN USED THE SAME TECHNOMAGIC SHE USED ON BUNNIE TO TAKE CONTROL OF HIM.

SO HE NEEDS TO BE CONTAINED.
GOT IT.
THIS SHOULD BE FUN!
DON'T ...DON'T HURT HIM!

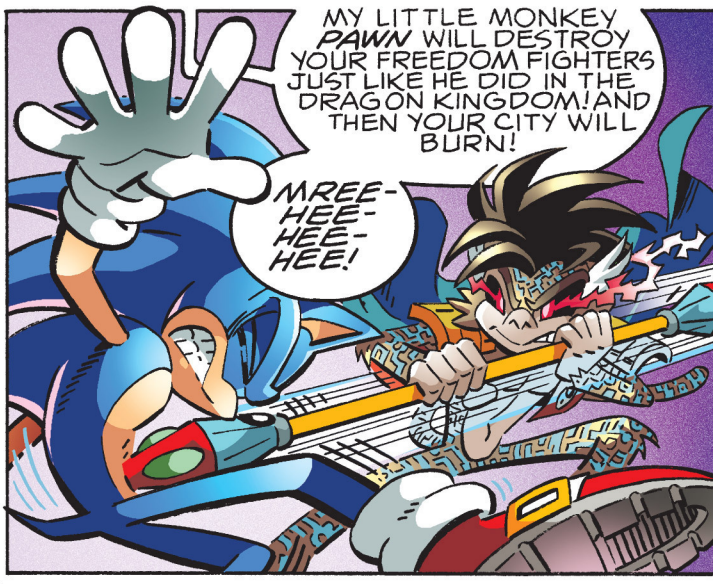
"DON'T HURT HIM," SHE SAYS.
THE IRON QUEEN'S TAKEN CONTROL OF YOU LIKE THIS BEFORE, MAN!*
SSSSSSSSS
*IN THE CLASSIC STH # 60.
YOU SAID YOU'D NEVER LET ANYONE CONTROL YOU AGAIN. NOT ROBOTNIK, AND NOT THIS PSYCHO!
YOU'RE TOO STUBBORN TO LET HER VOODOO WORK ON YOU! SNAP OUT OF IT, KHAN!

YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME, DEARIE! HIS CYBERNETICS ARE TOO EXTENSIVE! MY CONTROL IS ABSOLUTE!


THIS POWER RING MAY HAVE OFFERED SOME PROTECTION AS HIS CROWN...


...BUT NOW IT'S GONE.
AWW, TOO BAD.

KRNNK

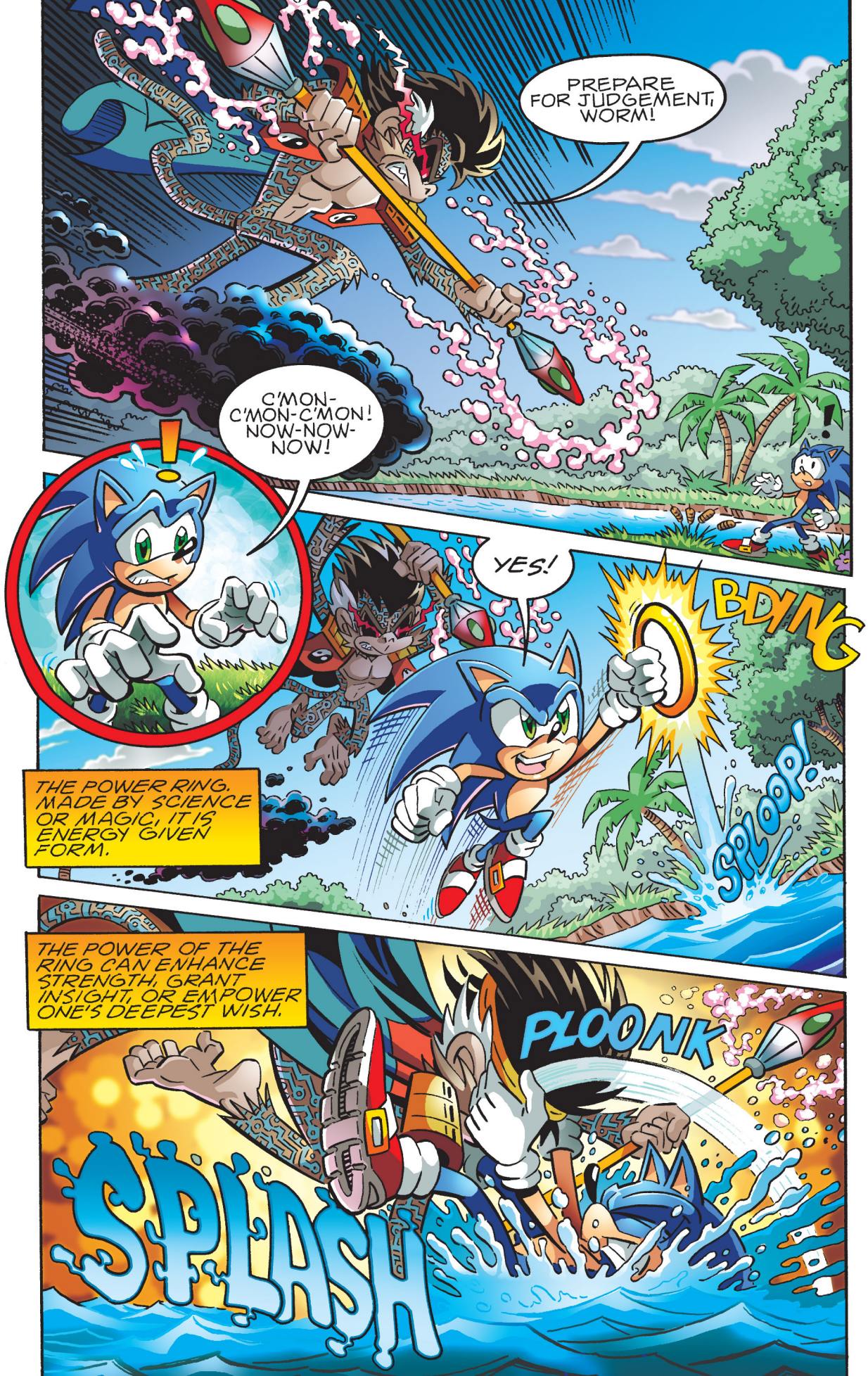

MY LITTLE MONKEY PAWN WILL DESTROY YOUR FREEDOM FIGHTERS JUST LIKE HE DID IN THE DRAGON KINGDOM! AND THEN YOUR CITY WILL BURN!
MREE-HEE-HEE-HEE!

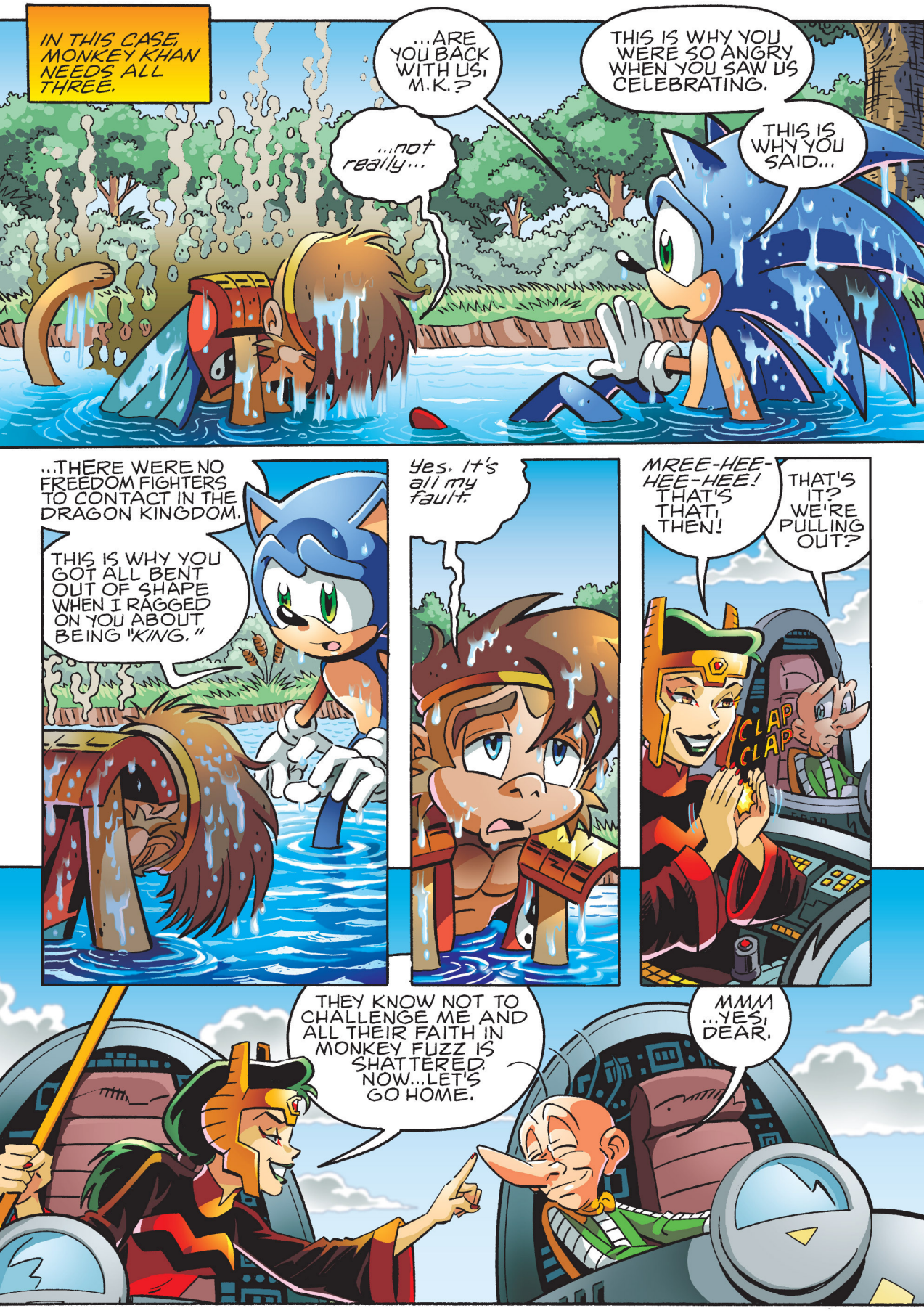
SO THAT'S THE GAME YOU LIKE TO PLAY...! THANKS FOR GIVING ME A PLAN, THOUGH.
WHEN WE FIRST MET KHAN, HE DIDN'T HAVE A CROWN, RIGHT?
RIGHT. HE TOOK A POWER RING THAT WAS THERE, AND IT TRANSFORMED.*
*THE CLASSIC STH # 55.
PERFECT! STALL HIM WHILE I SWING BY THE LAKE OF RINGS, AND --YOW!
LOOK OUT!
CLANG
I AM SUGGESTING YOU ARE GETTING ZE MOVE ON, THEN!
WOW, 'TWAN. I'M ON MY WAY.

YOU TELL US NOTHING USEFUL ABOUT ZE ENEMY, OR THAT YOU ARE ZE LIABILITY...
...AND IF I LOSE MY WIFE, EET IS BECAUSE OF YOU!
OOF!
BLAST IT, KEN! FIGHT HER, NOT US!
ALL FOR THE GLORY OF THE QUEEN!

HA! GOTCHA! I TOLD 'SU THE PRINCESS WAS RIGHT! WE DON'T NEED HER!
THEN AGAIN ...?
RRRGH! WHY DON'T YOU SLOW DOWN?! IT'S A CLOUD, FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD!
SORRY, FRIEND, BUT YOU'RE NOT LEAVING ME A CHOICE.
"TUMULTUOUS THUNDERCLAP OF THE ENRAGED!"
UH-OH...

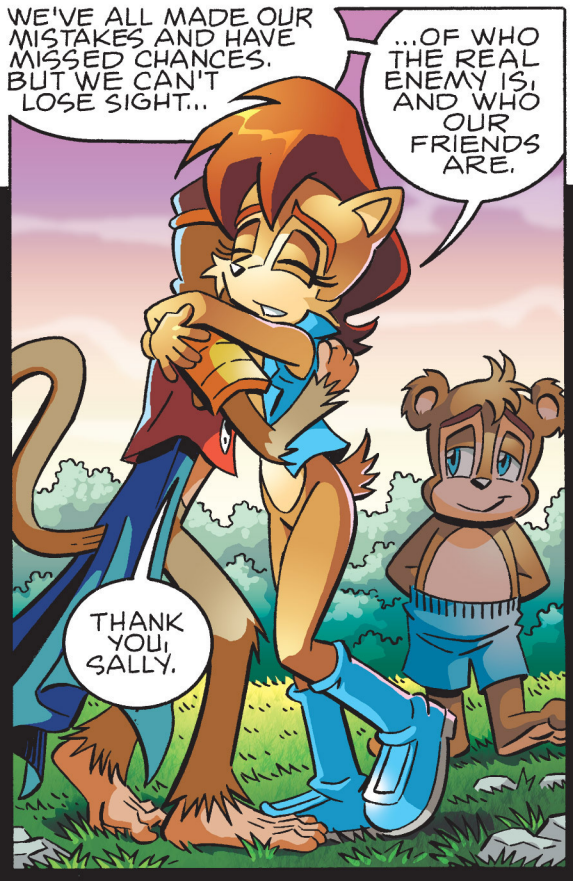
C'MON C'MON COME ON! THIS IS THE LAKE OF RINGS, NICOLE. WHY AM I NOT SEEING ANY RINGS?
THE RINGS ARE A BY-PRODUCT OF THE ENERGY CONVERSION FROM ROBOTROPOLIS' NUCLEAR FALLOUT.
MEANING ...?
IT TAKES TIME.
KRA-KOOM!
A LOT OF TIME. AND THERE'S ALREADY A LOT OF STRANGE DISTORTION IN MY NETWORK RIGHT NOW...
I'LL RE-ROUTE SOME POWER.
THANK YOU!


PREPARE FOR JUDGEMENT, WORM!
C'MON-C'MON-C'MON! NOW-NOW-NOW!
YES!
BOING
SPLOOP!
THE POWER RING. MADE BY SCIENCE OR MAGIC, IT IS ENERGY GIVEN FORM.
THE POWER OF THE RING CAN ENHANCE STRENGTH, GRANT INSIGHT, OR EMPOWER ONE'S DEEPEST WISH.
PLOONK
SPLASH


IN THIS CASE, MONKEY KHAN NEEDS ALL THREE.
...ARE YOU BACK WITH US, M.K.?
...not really...
THIS IS WHY YOU WERE SO ANGRY WHEN YOU SAW US CELEBRATING.
THIS IS WHY YOU SAID...
...THERE WERE NO FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO CONTACT IN THE DRAGON KINGDOM.
THIS IS WHY YOU GOT ALL BENT OUT OF SHAPE WHEN I RAGGED ON YOU ABOUT BEING "KING."
Yes. It's all my fault.
MREE-HEE-HEE-HEE! THAT'S THAT, THEN!
THAT'S IT? WE'RE PULLING OUT?
CLAP CLAP
THEY KNOW NOT TO CHALLENGE ME AND ALL THEIR FAITH IN MONKEY FUZZ IS SHATTERED. NOW...LET'S GO HOME.
MMM ...YES, DEAR.

I--I THOUGHT I COULD CONTROL MYSELF WITH MY POWER RING CROWN.
I GOT ANGRY-- AGAIN --AND...
...LOST MY FOCUS.
SHE RELEASED ME AFTER THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WERE GONE, JUST TO MESS WITH ME! I TRIED FIGHTING ON MY OWN, I REALLY DID...
BUT I'M WEAK. I CAN'T DO IT ALONE...CAN'T BE ALONE...LIKE THAT. IT'S LIKE BEING BACK IN THE VAULT.*
*WHERE HE WAS TRAPPED FOR YEARS. (STH # 55.)
SO YOU CHOOSE NOW TO BE TELLING US?! NOW ZAT MY WIFE IS NEARLY LOST. DID YOU NOT THEENK SHE WOULD USE YOU LIKE THAT AGAIN?!
ANTOINE! COOL IT!
NO. HE'S RIGHT.

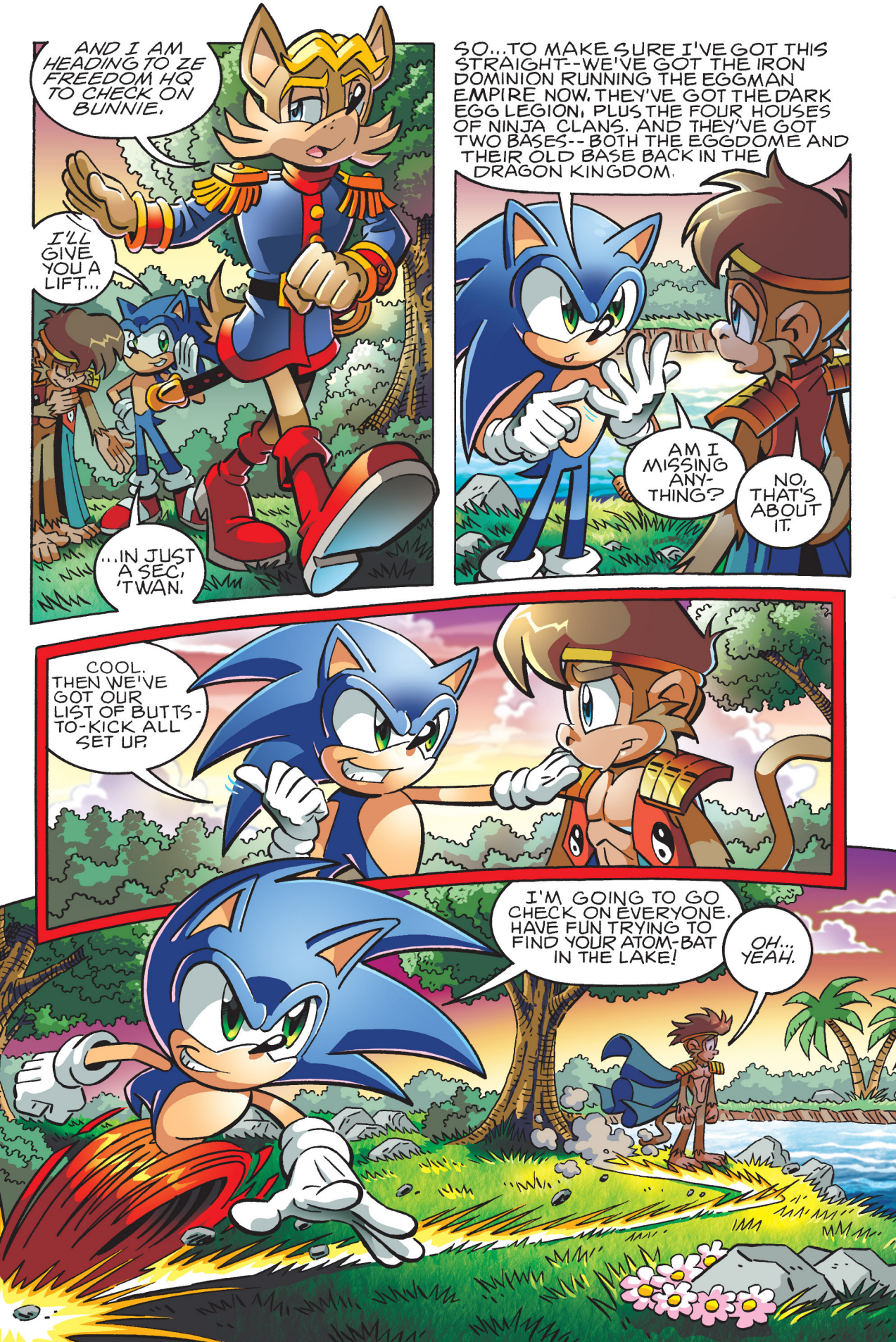
NO, HE'S NOT.
WELL, I MEAN, NOT TOTALLY.
WE LOST OUR PARENTS TO DR. ROBOTNIK'S WAR. THAT'S HOW YOU LOST YOUR FRIENDS.
SOMETIMES WE FELT LIKE IT WAS OUR FAULT. WE'RE TOO LITTLE AND WEAK TO HELP FIGHT.
BUT ROSIE SAYS WE ALL HELP IN OUR OWN WAY. UM... SO WE HAVE TO HELP EACH OTHER.
AND THEN WE'RE ALL STRONG BECAUSE EVERYONE ELSE IS.
YEAH.
SO WE'LL BE STRONG FOR YOU, AND YOU HAVE TO BE STRONG FOR US. DEAL?
...DEAL.

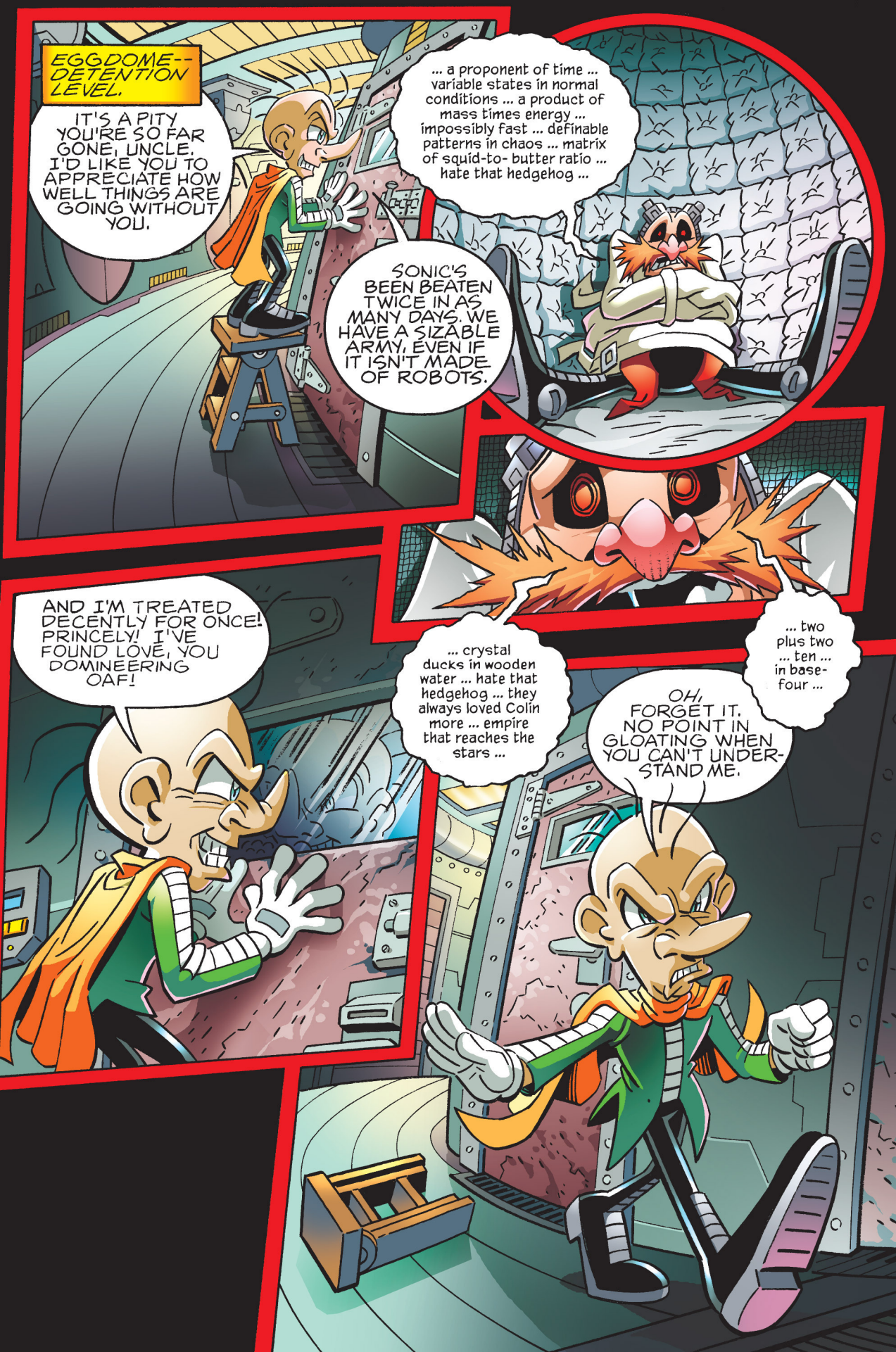

WE'VE ALL MADE OUR MISTAKES AND HAVE MISSED CHANCES. BUT WE CAN'T LOSE SIGHT...
...OF WHO THE REAL ENEMY IS, AND WHO OUR FRIENDS ARE.
THANK YOU, SALLY.

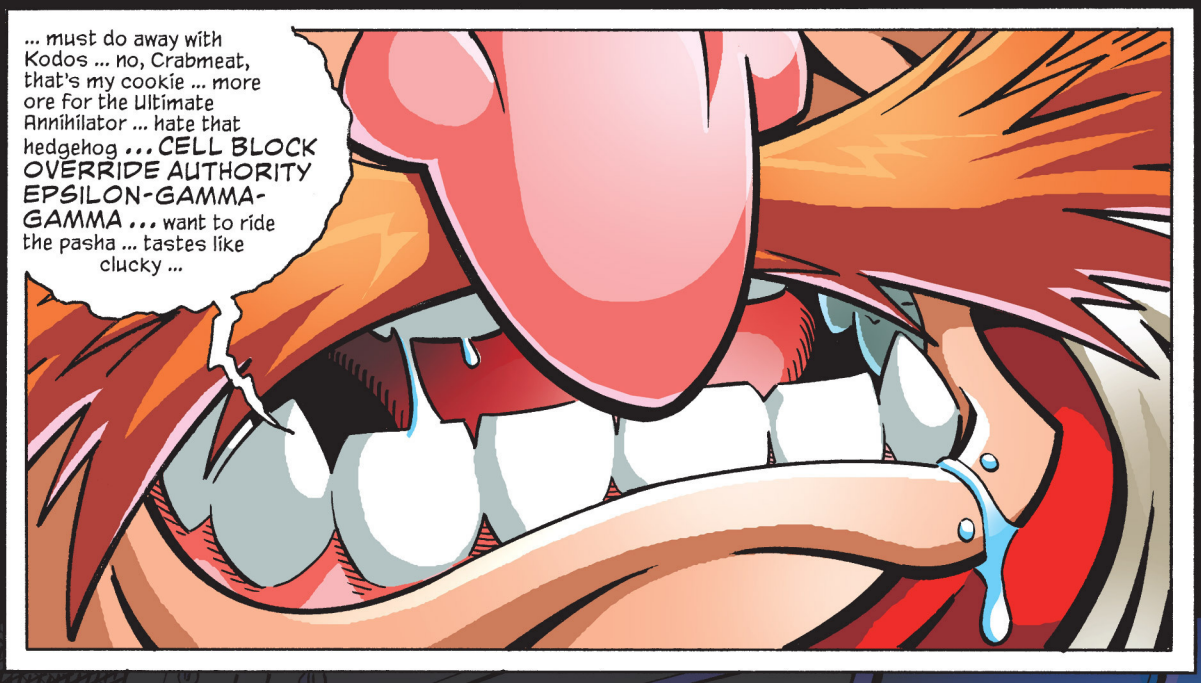
CAN "I'M SORRY" BE A START?
OUI. AND I AM SORRY FOR MY FROSTING-NESS!

I WAS ABOUT TO SAY. REMEMBER YOUR OLD YELLOW STREAK ?
OUI. I RECALL IT ALL TOO WELL.
BECAUSE I TOTALLY COULD BRING IT UP RIGHT NOW.
I KNOW.
I'VE GOT A LIST.
STOP EET.

I'M GOING TO CHECK ON TAILS.
COME ON, KIDS, LET'S FIND ROSIE.


AND I AM HEADING TO ZE FREEDOM HQ TO CHECK ON BUNNIE.
I'LL GIVE YOU A LIFT...
...IN JUST A SEC, 'TWAN.
SO...TO MAKE SURE I'VE GOT THIS STRAIGHT--WE'VE GOT THE IRON DOMINION RUNNING THE EGGMAN EMPIRE NOW. THEY'VE GOT THE DARK EGG LEGION, PLUS THE FOUR HOUSES OF NINJA CLANS. AND THEY'VE GOT TWO BASES-- BOTH THE EGGDOME AND THEIR OLD BASE BACK IN THE DRAGON KINGDOM.
AM I MISSING ANY-THING?
NO, THAT'S ABOUT IT.
COOL. THEN WE'VE GOT OUR LIST OF BUTTS-TO-KICK ALL SET UP.
I'M GOING TO GO CHECK ON EVERYONE. HAVE FUN TRYING TO FIND YOUR ATOM-BAT IN THE LAKE!
OH... YEAH.


EGGDOME--DETENTION LEVEL.
IT'S A PITY YOU'RE SO FAR GONE, UNCLE. I'D LIKE YOU TO APPRECIATE HOW WELL THINGS ARE GOING WITHOUT YOU.
... a proponent of time ... variable states in normal conditions ... a product of mass times energy ... impossibly fast ... definable patterns in chaos ... matrix of squid-to- butter ratio ... hate that hedgehog ...
SONIC'S BEEN BEATEN TWICE IN AS MANY DAYS. WE HAVE A SIZABLE ARMY, EVEN IF IT ISN'T MADE OF ROBOTS.
AND I'M TREATED DECENTLY FOR ONCE! PRINCELY! I'VE FOUND LOVE, YOU DOMINEERING OAF!
... crystal ducks in wooden water ... hate that hedgehog ... they always loved Colin more ... empire that reaches the stars ...
... two plus two ... ten ... in base-four ...
OH, FORGET IT. NO POINT IN GLOATING WHEN YOU CAN'T UNDER-STAND ME.


... must do away with Kodos ... no, Crabmeat, that's my cookie ... more ore for the Ultimate Annihilator ... hate that hedgehog ... CELL BLOCK OVERRIDE AUTHORITY EPSILON-GAMMA-GAMMA ... want to ride the pasha ... tastes like clucky ...

A TRAGEDY HAS BEEN REVEALED, AND THE NEXT TERROR RELEASED! WILL THIS BE DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S RETURN?
COME BACK NEXT TIME FOR THE BEGINNING OF...

"ON THE RUN!"

ANGEL ISLAND- SHRINE ISLE...
SO THIS IS IT? YOU REALLY HAVE BETRAYED THE CHAOTIX. YOU REALLY HAVE JOINED THE IRON QUEEN AND ALL THOSE OTHER NINJA ...THINGS...

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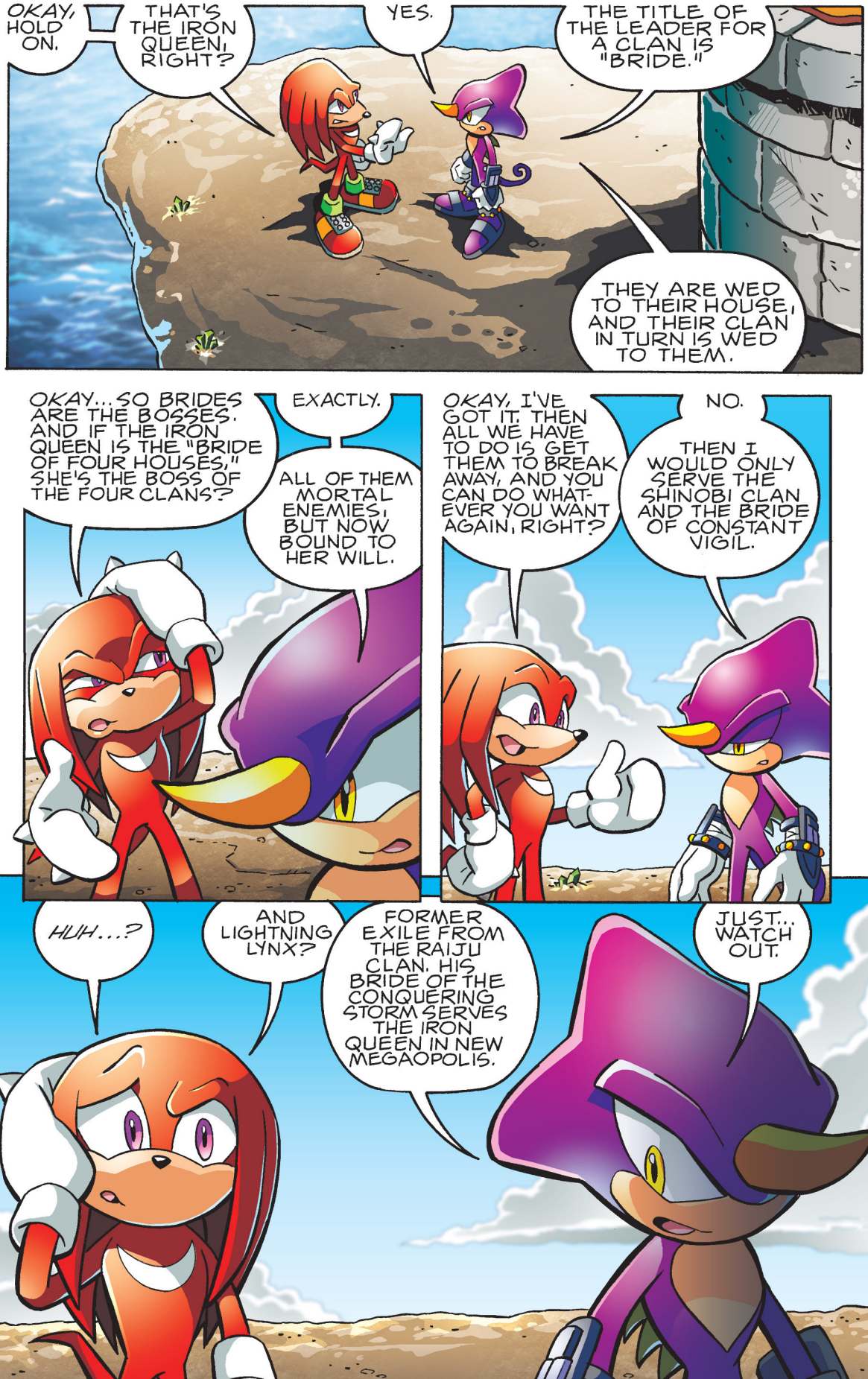
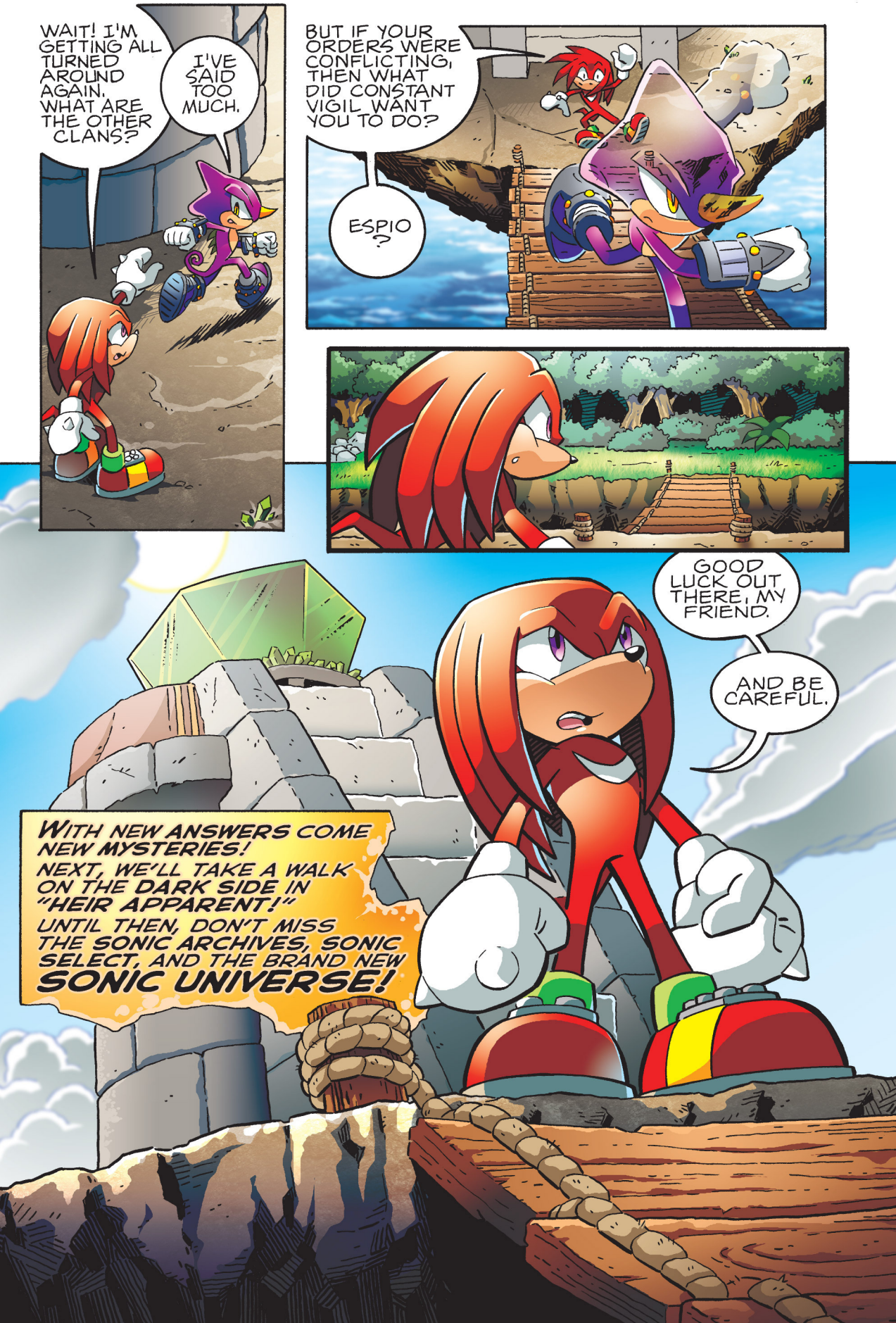
YOU'D REALLY STEAL THE MASTER EMERALD. YOU'D REALLY GIVE HER THAT MUCH POWER AND DROP THIS ENTIRE ISLAND INTO THE OCEAN. YOU'D REALLY DO THAT?
...I WOULD HAVE TO DO THIS, RIGHT? I'D HAVE TO DESTROY YOU BEFORE YOU WOULD LET ME TAKE THE MASTER EMERALD?
DO YOU EVEN NEED TO ASK?
OF COURSE YOU WILL.
I'LL GIVE UP EVERYTHING TO STOP YOU.

THEN I HAVE CONFLICTING ORDERS. I AM UNABLE TO ACT FOR NOW.
ORDERS FROM WHO? ESPIO, YOU HAVE TO TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON.
YOU HAVE TO GIVE ME SOME KIND OF CLUE.
THE ONLY CHAMELEONS I KNOW ABOUT LIVE IN RAINBOW VALLEY.
I CAN'T HELP YOU IF YOU DON'T HELP ME UNDER-STAND.
THERE MIGHT BE A WAY...
...BUT YOU WOULD HAVE TO BREAK THE HOLD OF THE BRIDE OF FOUR HOUSES.


OKAY, HOLD ON.
THAT'S THE IRON QUEEN, RIGHT?
YES.
THE TITLE OF THE LEADER FOR A CLAN IS "BRIDE."
THEY ARE WED TO THEIR HOUSE, AND THEIR CLAN IN TURN IS WED TO THEM.
OKAY... SO BRIDES ARE THE BOSSES. AND IF THE IRON QUEEN IS THE "BRIDE OF FOUR HOUSES," SHE'S THE BOSS OF THE FOUR CLANS?
EXACTLY.
ALL OF THEM MORTAL ENEMIES, BUT NOW BOUND TO HER WILL.
OKAY, I'VE GOT IT. THEN ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS GET THEM TO BREAK AWAY, AND YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT AGAIN, RIGHT?
NO.
THEN I WOULD ONLY SERVE THE SHINOBI CLAN AND THE BRIDE OF CONSTANT VIGIL.
HUH...?
AND LIGHTNING LYNX?
FORMER EXILE FROM THE RAIJU CLAN. HIS BRIDE OF THE CONQUERING STORM SERVES THE IRON QUEEN IN NEW MEGAOPOLIS.
JUST... WATCH OUT.


WAIT! I'M GETTING ALL TURNED AROUND AGAIN. WHAT ARE THE OTHER CLANS?
I'VE SAID TOO MUCH.
BUT IF YOUR ORDERS WERE CONFLICTING, THEN WHAT DID CONSTANT VIGIL WANT YOU TO DO?
ESPIO ?
GOOD LUCK OUT THERE, MY FRIEND.
AND BE CAREFUL.
WITH NEW ANSWERS COME NEW MYSTERIES!
NEXT, WE'LL TAKE A WALK ON THE DARK SIDE IN "HEIR APPARENT!"
UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS THE SONIC ARCHIVES, SONIC SELECT, AND THE BRAND NEW SONIC UNIVERSE!